



# City of Milwaukee

## Meeting Minutes

### ETHICS BOARD

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**Wednesday, January 25, 2006**

**9:00 AM**

**Room 301- G, City Hall**

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*Meeting convened: 9:03 A.M.*

*Also present: Nola Devereaux and Ed Ehrlich - City Attorney's Office*

**Present:** 6 - Halloran O'Meara, Ellis, Bernstein, Hintz, Wacker, Toran

**Excused:** 1 - Turner

**1. Roll call and approval of the minutes from the previous meeting.**

*Ms. Halloran moved, seconded by Ms. Toran, to amend the minutes of the December 21 meeting to note that it was Ms. Turner who moved to go into closed session, add text noting that items discussed in closed session were referred to in open session without referring to specific individuals and that the vote to not require members of the disbanded Policemen's Annuity and Benefit to file Statements of Economic Interest was unanimous.*

**2. The Board may convene into closed session to hear disciplinary matters and related information pursuant so s. 19.85(1)(b) and/or (f), Wis. Stats., and to consider and render confidential advice pursuant to s. 19.85(1)(h), Wis. Stats.**

*There were no matters heard in closed session.*

**3. The Board may then convene into open session as authorized by s. 19.85(2), Wis. Stats.**

**4. Report from research assistant relative to office activities of the previous month.**

*Ms. Devereaux has been getting a number of calls about the new Statement of Economic Interest (SEI) forms.*

*She requested updates to the Ethics Board web site from the Publications Office.*

*She also got a question related to financial disclosure of domestic partners – this might be a topic for a future agenda. Following Board discussion, it was determined that the current ordinance does not require filing by a domestic partner. The Board may wish to consider asking that the ordinance be amended.*

**5. Update on printing, mailing and returns of the 2005 Statement of Economic Interest form.**

*Ms. Devereaux mailed out 400 forms. Less than 25% have been returned completed, but that's not unusual for this time of year; the majority will be returned the end of February.*

**6. Update on analysis of the research assistant position.**

*More time is needed on this project by the Department of Employee Relations and the Board. Mr. Ellis, Ms. Wacker and Ms. Devereaux need to draft a letter to the Dept. of Employee Relations related to what the Board is actually seeking in terms of the depth of study needed by the Board.*

*Roll call taken at 9:19 A.M.*

**Present:** 7 - Halloran O'Meara, Turner, Toran, Ellis, Bernstein, Hintz, Wacker

**7. Review Statement of Economic Interest forms for new Board/Commission members and designated City employees.**

*The form of Jennifer Havas needs to be clarified as it notes no income and there is an inconsistency between sections A and B of Part 1.*

*The Board unanimously approved the forms of Deborah Spannraft, Dorothy Helmstine, Steve Volkman and Michael Dolsen.*

*The Board may change the form noting "Did you file any separate honoraria/payment of expense disclosures in 2005?" as a number of individuals did not check either the "yes" or the "no" box.*

**8. Set next meeting date(s).**

*February 15th and March 15th at 9 a.m.*

*Meeting adjourned: 9:38 a.m.*

*Linda M. Elmer*

*Staff Assistant*